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SUBJ : TENNECO SIX

REF : KHARTOUM 1429

1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED BY KARL DORTZBACH MORNING 18 JUNE:

QUOTE B-3

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ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. DATE
16.6.74. TO AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION GHINDA. THE
ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED 15 JUNE
1974.

WE UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR LETTER THAT YOU DID NOT BELIEVE OR APPLY
OUR INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR LETTER 14.6.74 WHICH THE MAIN POINT
OR IDEA WAS OUR "LAST DEMAND". THEREFORE FOR THE REASONS
YOU REFUSE TO GIVE YOUR REAL OR WANTED REPLY THE MISSION IS GOING
TO BE ASKED BY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS NEW ERROR. ERITREAN
LIBERATION FRONT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. /S/ ILLEGIBLE. UNQUOTE.

2. MISSIONARIES BELIEVE THEY HAVE RUN INTO DEAD END AS A RESULT
OF ABOVE LETTER. THEY ARE PUZZLED BY MEANING OF CODE B-3, C,
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3. I INFORMED MISSIONARIES OF ZEIN'S BELIEF THAT GENERAL COMMAND HAS CONTROL OF NURSE AND PILOT AND PLAN TO RELEASE THEM IN NEAR FUTURE. ZEIN'S COMMENTS REGARDING CONTROL OF NURSE, THE ABOVE LETTER, AND THE URGNECY OF TIME MENTIONED IN LETTER OF 14 JUNE 1974, MAY INDICATE THAT ZEIN'S GROUP NOW HAS CONTROL OVER THE NURSE.

4. MISSIONARIES HAD CONSIDERED EXCHANGING ONE OF THEIR OWN FOR MRS. DORTZBACH AND PROMISING TO SEND IN A MEDICAL TEAM TO TREAT CHOLERA, MALARIA, AND OTHER ILLNESSES DISCOVERED. THE PERSON EXCHANGED FOR MRS. DORTZBACH WOULD BE A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH ON PART OF MISSIONARIES AND WOULD JOIN MEDICAL TEAM.

5. THE OFFER OF THIS MEDICAL TEAM IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL MRS. DORTZBACH IS RELEASED OR ZEIN INDICATES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR IMPLEMENTING HER RELEASE. THE DEMANDS FOR MEDICINE AND MONEY IN LETTERS TO MISSIONARIES MAY HAVE BEEN AN EFFORT BY IBRAHIM ALI NUR TO STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION WITH REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.
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